

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Peter D. BREWER) Examiner: Thanhha S. Pham
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Serial No.: 10/787,276) Art Unit: 2813
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Filed: February 25, 2004) Our Ref: B-4712 620052-7
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For: "SELF-MASKING DEFECT) Date: October 3, 2006
REMOVING METHOD")
) Re: *Supplemental Response*

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Sir:

On September 5, 2006, the Applicant submitted an amendment and reply pursuant to 37 CF.R. § 1.116, and a Rule 131 declaration, in response to the final Office Action mailed on July 3, 2006. A response to the final office action is initially to be filed, without extension of time, no later than

October 3, 2006.

The Examiner refused to enter the amendment after final rejection, as explained in the Advisory Action mailed on September 19, 2006. This paper accompanies a Request for Continuation of Examination and the fee for same. The Request for Continuation of Examination directs entry of the amendment after final rejection and the Rule 131 Declaration of Dr. Peter Brewer that had been submitted on September 5, 2006. The remarks below address issues raised in the Advisory Action.